



Tribe unveils Project Horizon expansion with 43-story hotel tower

By Jonathan S. Hamilton

The Mohegan Tribe has unveiled plans for its \$740-million Project Horizon, which will add 1.4 million square feet to Mohegan Sun’s existing resort. The cornerstone of the project will be a gold-colored, 43-story hotel, which will contain 1,000 rooms.

Project Horizon is expected to create 1,400 construction jobs and 1,500 permanent jobs for the economy of southeastern Connecticut. Construction will start in early 2007 and the project is expected to be fully completed in 2010.



This architect’s rendering depicts the 1,000-room hotel tower, right, to be built near the Mohegan Sun Hotel overlooking the Thames River.

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Members of the Mohegan Tribal Council, the Council of Elders, senior casino managers and members of the media gathered in Mohegan Sun’s Cabaret Theater

for the press conference on Nov. 16. Mohegan Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum “Two Dogs” introduced the Tribal Council to the audience and then spoke of the importance to the Tribe of its past as well as its future generations.

“It’s our job to carry on the traditions that were started by our

great Sachem Uncas, who bestowed upon us the wisdom and knowledge to not only care for the generations before us, but also those

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Queen Elizabeth and Tribal leaders dedicate Mahomet memorial

By Jonathan S. Hamilton

The Mohegan Tribe made international headlines when a delegation led by Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum “Two Dogs” traveled to Great Britain to meet with Queen Elizabeth II for the unveiling of a memorial dedicated to a Mohegan Sachem on Nov. 22.

During a solemn ceremony held at Southwark Cathedral in London, Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by her husband Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh, unveiled a pink granite sculpture dedicated to Mahomet Weyonomon.



In London, Mohegan Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum “Two Dogs” kneels before Queen Elizabeth II and presents to her a copy of the 18th century land petition describing the capture of Mohegan land by English settlers.

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Mahomet traveled to England in 1735 to petition King George II for the return of Mohegan land, but he died the next year from smallpox while waiting to see the King. Under English law at that time, foreigners could not be

buried in London, so his body was interred in an unmarked grave on the grounds of the cathedral.

Accompanying Chairman Bozsum were Mohegan

Ambassador Mark F. Brown “Matahga” and the Tribe’s Cultural and Community Outreach Specialist

Shane Long “White Raven,” who were resplendent in full regalia during the two-and-a-half-hour ceremony.

“It was truly an exciting moment for me and an historic moment for the Tribe,” Chairman Bozsum said. “Both the Queen and Prince Phillip expressed great interest in Mohegan, and, in fact, they told me they would do additional research on the history of the Tribe on the Internet. The Queen was very warm and kind to all of us.”

Ambassador Brown said the ceremony was a solemn event but all participants were made to feel at ease.

“To realize that two sovereigns were meeting for the first time after 270 years was an awesome experience,” Ambassador Brown said. “Even though the Queen appeared

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Chairman reflects on Mohegan Sun's 10th Anniversary

By Mohegan Tribal Chairman
Bruce S. Bozsum "Two Dogs"

For generation upon generation, the members of the Mohegan Tribe have never forgotten our fundamental obligation to honor our past, strengthen our present and work toward a better and brighter future for our children and for future generations.

As we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the Mohegan Sun Casino, we have a special opportunity to reflect on that sacred and important mission. Certainly the Tribe's hard work has led to the establishment of an extraordinarily successful, world-class casino and entertainment destination, but more importantly, we have remained true to our heritage, our principles and the teachings of our elders, while laying down a strong foundation for our future.

By every measure, the Mohegan Tribe has had a profound and positive impact, both for our membership and for the greater community. The unparalleled success of Mohegan Sun has provided the Tribe with economic security and has strengthened our ability to preserve and protect our unique culture and history.

At the same time, we have continued the Mohegan legacy of serving as a force for good, helping to strengthen our local communities, our state and our country.

Anniversaries are more than simply a time to celebrate. They are a time to look back on what we have achieved, take stock in what we are doing and make sure that we are proceeding down the path that will take us to the future we seek.

As Chairman, I know I speak for the entire Mohegan Tribal Council and all of our leaders when I say that the Mohegan Tribe and its members are especially proud - proud of the pos-

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itive impact we have had for our Mohegan families, proud of the benefits we have brought to the more than 10,000 employees who work at our casino and proud of the fact that we have become a major engine of economic growth and opportunity for our region.

As a result of our Tribe's commitment, dedication and hard work, the Mohegans of today have unparalleled access to the educational opportunities, health care services, and other important programs that they need and deserve to make the most of life. In addition, our ongoing work means that we will be able to further increase and improve these types of services and benefits in the years to come.

In addition, Mohegan Sun has become one of the largest employers in Connecticut with more than 10,000 employees of which 90 percent are Connecticut residents. Today, Mohegan Sun employees reside in 110 of Connecticut's 169 towns and every single Connecticut community benefits from the historic revenue sharing compact between the state of Connecticut and the Mohegan Tribe. We are proud to be able to create opportunities for businesses in our region and across Connecticut.

Perhaps our most significant accomplishment has been our ability to remain true to our priorities, our obligations and our commit-

ments. Through the past decade, honoring our heritage and strengthening our culture has been one of our most important challenges and we have made triumphant progress in that effort.

I truly believe that our ancestors would be extremely proud of our efforts to preserve, protect and strengthen the Mohegan Tribe. Through such projects as the ongoing reclamation of the Royal Mohegan Burial Ground in Norwich and the restoration of the Mohegan Church, which this year celebrated its 175th anniversary, we are taking historic and meaningful steps to preserve our heritage and revitalize our traditions.

These efforts stand as tribute to the many Tribal members who worked so hard to maintain our culture and our traditional ceremonies, even when the Tribe had few financial resources or when they took these actions at their own peril.

Now we have begun to embark on the next major expansion of our operations, both here at home and through a series of targeted investments elsewhere. We can be confident that we will be successful in building an even stronger future for our Tribe and its members.

So while we celebrate this 10th Anniversary, let us be especially joyful in the knowledge that we can and will continue to work together to ensure an even better future for all. ✨



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Now He's Chief and Doctor



PHOTO BY NICK LACY

Mohegan Chief Ralph Sturges is congratulated by David G. Carter, right, Chancellor of the Connecticut State University System, on receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Eastern Connecticut State University during commencement ceremonies in Willimantic. Chief Sturges was recognized for his outstanding leadership of the Tribe, which has received national and international acclaim; for being a servant and leader in Connecticut for many years; for serving the country as an intelligence officer in World War II; for serving the Northeast region with distinction as the public relations director of the Salvation Army for New England; for his skill as a master sculptor; and for spending most of his life in service to people, working in a variety of positions in the public and private sectors for the benefit of humankind.

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Celebrating Mohegan Sun Casino's 10th Anniversary in grand style

By Jonathan S. Hamilton

During Mohegan Sun's glitzy 10th Anniversary celebration on Oct. 20 and 21, Mohegan Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum "Two Dogs" recalled his most exciting moment of the week-end. It was not speaking at press conferences, being interviewed by television reporters or greeting many glamorous celebrities.

The Chairman's special moment arrived when Academy Award winning director Kevin Costner waved him up to the Wolf Den stage and asked him to play guitar with his band for an encore song.

"It was totally impromptu," he said. "I backed Kevin up on rhythm guitar."

Chairman Bozsum's musical debut on the Wolf Den stage was just one of many highlights of an extraordinary weekend filled with entertainment, parties and star-gazing.

Mohegan Sun was jam-packed with patrons hoping to catch a glimpse of some of the stars who attended the festivities marking the casino's first 10 years in business. Patrons did not seem fazed when country superstar Keith Urban cancelled his Oct. 20 Arena concert. Instead they came in droves to soak in the festive atmosphere.

"It was great for the patrons to meet and greet new and old celebrities all around the casino," Chairman Bozsum said. "The celebrities were very gracious, spending time posing for photos and enjoying their fans."

Costner's appearance with his band, for the first time ever on the East Coast, drew a enthusiastic crowd at the Wolf Den, in part, because of Urban's cancellation. Costner's show opened with an eight-minute montage chronicling his body of work as a Hollywood actor, including his Oscar-winning directorial debut in "Dances With Wolves." His nearly two-hour concert, a blend of country and rock, entertained the crowd, which encircled the Wolf Den.

Earlier in the evening, actress, comedienne and former "Laugh-In" cast member Lily Tomlin performed excerpts from her one woman show "An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin" in the Cabaret Theater.

On both evenings, Afterglow parties were held in the Cabaret and Ultra 88 nightclub. The red carpet was rolled out in both locations for celebrities to walk down, pose for photos and give interviews.

Some of the bigger luminaries included: Academy Award-nominated actress and Tony Award-winner Joan Allen; actress Carmen Electra; "Sopranos" stars Drea de Matteo and Jamie-Lynn Sigler; Golden Globe-nominated actor Neil Patrick Harris of "Doogie Howser" fame; two-time Tony Award-winner and star of the smash Broadway hit "The Producers" Matthew Broderick; and Costner all made appearances at the late night soirees.



Once inside, party-goers sampled sushi, shrimp, oysters, crabcakes, assorted cheeses, chocolate-covered strawberries, cakes and cookies. They enjoyed the sounds of the Mohegan Sun All-Stars in the Cabaret on Friday night and Los Angeles-based DJ Sky Nellor in Ultra 88 on Saturday night.

On Saturday afternoon, patrons were treated to rare reunion of original "Laugh-In" cast

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Jerry Seinfeld



Mohegan Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum "Two Dogs" backs up Kevin Costner, left, on rhythm guitar for an encore song at the Wolf Den on Oct. 20. To the delight of patrons, Costner's band, along with many other entertainers, performed during Mohegan Sun's 10th Anniversary celebration weekend.



Joan Allen and Kevin Costner



Gary Owens, Jo Anne Worley and Ruth Buzzi



Comedian Jerry Seinfeld, left, meets Tribal Councilor Mark W. Hamilton



Carmen Electra, Drea de Matteo and Jamie-Lynn Sigler

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Pocono Downs opens its doors as Pennsylvania's first casino

By Jonathan S. Hamilton

Rain and drizzle couldn't dampen the spirits of the thousands of people who waited for several hours for the doors to open to the new Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on Nov. 14.

By the end of the day, nearly 13,000 patrons had descended on the very first casino to open its doors in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Under a 2004 law, Pennsylvania will eventually award a total of 14 licenses across the state for casinos to operate slot machines.

Mohegan Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum "Two Dogs," said, "You could feel the excitement of this unbelievable crowd during the opening, realizing that they now had an entertainment facility to go to 24 hours a day in the region."

During the opening ceremony, Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. Catherine Baker Knoll joined members of the Mohegan Tribal Council, the Council of Elders and Mohegan Sun officials in pulling a ceremonial slot machine handle, signalling for the swelling crowd to enter the casino. She thanked the Mohegan Tribe for being the first group to open a gaming facility in the state.

The previous day, before the grand opening, casino management held a rally for the 425 recently hired employees. Chairman Bozsum offered a Mohegan prayer and sang a welcoming song to them.



Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum "Two Dogs" offers a Mohegan blessing before the grand opening of Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on Nov. 14. From left, are: Robert Soper Jr., President and CEO of Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs; Mohegan Tribal Council Recording Secretary Allison D. Johnson; Tribal Councilor Roland J. Harris; Ambassador Mark F. Brown; Treasurer William Quidgeon Jr.; and Mitchell Etes, President and CEO of Mohegan Sun.

Below is a view of a gaming area and bar at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs.

"There are no words to explain the emotion and excitement the employees expressed at the rally,"

Chairman Bozsum said. "I told them they are now part of the Mohegan family and part of history being the very first casino to open in Pennsylvania."

According to Chairman Bozsum, the new employees felt appreciative of the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority (MTGA) Management Board and casino officials who introduced themselves and ate with them during the rally.

The new casino conducted two mock openings on Nov. 11 and 13 to make sure the slot machines were working efficiently. These practice runs were held to benefit the local United Way charities.

"It's been a long and arduous process," said Mohegan Tribal member Robert Soper, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs. "But there has been tremendous



excitement from the Mohegan Sun team and all of its work has culminated in a successful grand opening."

The new facility has a 90,000-square-foot, two-level gaming space, which has nearly 1,100 slot machines. The slots feature coin-free, ticket-in/ticket-out technology. The main level is smoke free and has a snack bar and casino bar.

Construction of Phase II of Pocono Downs is expected to begin next year. When completed

by mid-2008, it will feature a 400,000-square-foot gaming and entertainment complex with approximately 2,500 slot machines, a variety of restaurants, a 300-seat buffet, a food court, retail shopping, nightlife venues, additional parking and bus amenities.

MTGA purchased Pocono Downs in 2004 from Penn National for \$280 million. Last August, Penn National agreed to refund \$30 million of that amount to offset additional state taxes on slot machine revenue. ✂

At the Kennedy Compound



Mohegan Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum "Two Dogs" and his wife Kelly Lamy visit the Kennedy Compound in Hyannis, Mass., where they enjoyed a traditional New England clambake with Kennedy Family members and celebrities. From left, are: actor Martin Sheen, who played President Bartlett on the "West Wing;" Kelly Lamy; U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy; Chairman Bozsum and U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, who is Sen. Kennedy's son. Tribal Vice Chairwoman Lynn Malerba, who also attended, is not shown in this photo.

Congressional Tour



Mohegan Tribal Vice Chairwoman Lynn Malerba gives a tour of Mohegan Sun to U.S. Reps. John Larson, left, a Democrat from Connecticut's 1st District, and John Lewis, a Democrat from Georgia's 5th District. Lewis is a pioneer and long-time hero of the civil rights movement. Both men were re-elected in November when Democrats took over control of the U.S. House of Representatives for the first time in 12 years.

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Soper, Pineault, Strickland win Council of Elders election

By Nancy Trimble

Robert Soper Sr., Marie Pineault and Maynard Strickland began four-year terms on the Mohegan Council of Elders on Oct. 2 when Chief Ralph Sturges, PhD., gave them the oath of office at the Mohegan Church.

"Do you solemnly swear to support the Mohegan people and the Mohegan Constitution faithfully and impartially according to the law and the duties of the Office of Elders?" Chief Sturges asked them.

All three pledged that they would. Following the brief ceremony, family, friends and other elected officials gathered in the Church annex for a reception.

Soper, Pineault and Strickland were the top three finishers in the Aug. 27 general election and in the July 8 primary election, which had 12 candidates.

Soper and Pineault are Council of Elders incumbents, and Strickland is a former Tribal Council Treasurer. Soper, who has served as the Council of Elders Secretary, was reappointed to that position after the ceremony.

Soper holds a bachelor of sci-



The three newly elected members of the Mohegan Council of Elders are in the front row, from left: Maynard Strickland, Marie Pineault and Secretary Robert Soper Sr. The Council of Elders also includes, in the back row, from left: William Andrews, Chairman John Henry Clark, Vice Chairman Joseph D. Gray Jr. and Treasurer Austin Fish.

ence degree and a master's degree in biology. He taught science for several years before he became an assistant school principal and later a principal. He served as chairman of the Mohegan Constitution Revision Commission and as a TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance) Commissioner.

Pineault is a graduate of Norwich Free Academy who attended

Three Rivers Community Technical College. Before her election, she worked as an administrative assistant in the TERO Department and as a receptionist in the Tribal government. Prior to that she supervised the food management programs of the Norwich Public School System.

Strickland served on the Tribal Council for 10 years and, during that time, he was involved in the

planning and opening of the Project Sunburst expansion of Mohegan Sun. Prior to that he owned and operated restaurants and night clubs in Norwich and Florida. He is a Navy veteran and a graduate of New London Business College.

The next Council of Elders election is in 2008, when four seats on the seven-member body will be up for election. ✂

Tribe donates book to local schools, libraries

By Jonathan S. Hamilton

Mohegan Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum "Two Dogs" visited a fourth-grade class in the Samuel Huntington Elementary School in Norwichtown, Conn., to donate a copy of "The Nine Mile Square."

Accompanying Chairman Bozsum was the book's author, historian Bill Stanley, whose work chronicles the long, cooperative relationship between the city of Norwich and the Mohegan Tribe.

"In history, you hear a lot about how land is taken all over the world," Chairman Bozsum told the fourth graders. "We had a leader named Uncas who was a wise man and had vision to work with everybody, rather than fight with them. The Tribe is proud and honored to donate this book to all local schools."

The Tribe has donated copies of Stanley's 408-page work to all public and private schools as well as all libraries in the local area to educate students on the peaceful co-existence the Tribe shared with settlers in the 1600s.



Mohegan Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum "Two Dogs," center, and author Bill Stanley, right, discuss the book "The Nine Mile Square" about the history of Norwich, Conn., with students at the Samuel Huntington Elementary School in Norwichtown. The children at the table are, from left: Alexandra Tio, Brandon Pratt and Katelyn Mazurkiewicz.

Stanley, who has written seven books, is a former senator in the Connecticut General Assembly. The title of his latest book refers to the original grant of land by Sachem Uncas to members of the Saybrook Garrison, who helped end the Narragansett siege of Fort Shantok in 1645.

The land, given to settlers in 1659, later became part of Norwich and the nearby towns of Bozrah, Franklin, Sprague, Lisbon, Preston and Jewett City.

Stanley said the history of this area all started with the Mohegans.

He said there were few towns in this country that were actually given land by the Indians.

"If the book has done anything, it has informed a whole generation about the history of Norwich and the Mohegan Tribe," Stanley said.

Each of the schools in Norwich and the town's Otis Library received a copy of the book as did all the schools and libraries in the towns that originally comprised Norwich, as well as the towns of Ledyard and Montville. ✂

Tribe pledges \$1 million to Norwich revitalization

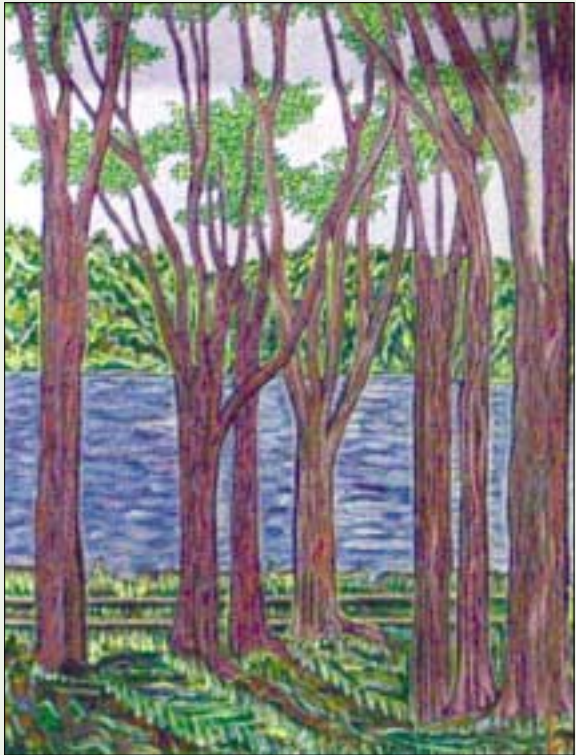
By Jonathan S. Hamilton

The Mohegan Tribe will donate \$1 million over five years to Norwich, Conn., for its community revitalization efforts.

The Tribe's gift of \$200,000 per year is contingent upon the Norwich City Council's willingness to match the donation dollar for dollar in each of the five years.

In a letter to Norwich Mayor Ben Lathrop announcing the Tribe's intent to award the funding, Mohegan Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum "Two Dogs" acknowledged the harmonious relationship between the Tribe and the city.

"Your willingness to work together as neighbors and friends is a prime example of why the Mohegan people have been able to work so closely with non-Native communities that have surrounded us for generations," Chairman Bozsum wrote.



Mohegan Tribal member Garrett Fielding Kirwan's "Indian Summer" depicts a serene scene on the Mohegan Reservation.



Paintings by:
Garrett Fielding Kirwan
"Lone Wolf"

- 1 "Death of Gladys"
- 2 "Mother Ready to Stand"
- 3 "Turtle"

Paintings by:
William Andrews
"Dancing Shadow"

- 4 "Princess Grace"
- 5 untitled
- 6 "Against the Flow"
- 7 untitled

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Chief G'tinemong
(Ralph W. Sturges)

Chief Little Hatchet
(Courtland Fowler)

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Bronze statues pay tribute to Mohegan chiefs

By Melissa Tantaquidgeon Zobel
Mohegan Tribal Historian

The bronze statues of Chief Little Hatchet (Courtland Fowler, who was Mohegan Chief from 1970 to 1991) and Chief G'tinemong (Ralph W. Sturges, Mohegan Chief from 1992 to the present) grace the courtyard of Mohegan Sun's north entrance. They were sculpted by Don and Sharon Gale of Old Lyme, Conn.

In the works are sculptures of Mohegan Chiefs Peegee Uncas (Julian Harris), Occum (Lemuel Fielding), Matahga (Burrill Fielding), Harold Tantaquidgeon, Everett Fielding and Wegun (Henry Mathews). The order of completion for the next few statues depends on several factors. Sharon Gale says of the process, "I like to do an easy one and then a hard one. Chief Little Hatchet's feathers were challenging."

She further observes, "You pick up a little on what they were like. Hopefully that can be communicated to people. Chief Sturges has

a personality that disengages all kinds of negative barriers that people put up, because he is such a genuinely nice person. Chief Little Hatchet was somewhat of a wall, but once you got beyond that wall he was a really nice person. From Julian Harris I got a sense of formality and exactness. Lemuel was an introspective, sen-

sitive person. They are not stereotypical Indians at all. They are being presented as personalities, as real people. They're keepers of the tradition and teachers, and very much father figures. They have to be willing to put their wishes and desires and needs on the back burner, for the Tribe comes first." ✂

A Fine Display: Mohegan artists exhibit work



Garrett Fielding Kirwan
"Lone Wolf"



William Andrews
"Dancing Shadow"

Text and photos by Bill Guca

Mohegan Council of Elders member William Andrews "Dancing Shadow" and Tribal elder Garrett Fielding Kirwan "Lone Wolf" recently exhibited their artwork at the Homer Babbidge Library on the University of Connecticut campus in Storrs.

Their paintings were on display as part of an exhibit showing contemporary Indian art titled "Enduring Spirit: Native American Life and Artistic Traditions."

Each of the Mohegan artists has a distinctive style which matches their individual personalities. Their work provides an example of an artist placing his mo and sensitivities on canvas.

Surprisingly, this was the first time that Andrews exhibited his art. His pointillist pen-and-ink style sets him apart from most. He is also a flute player who has burned, carved and painted Native designs on instruments.

A resident of the Fort Hill Community for Mohegan elders, Andrews was born in New London, Conn.

In London Queen

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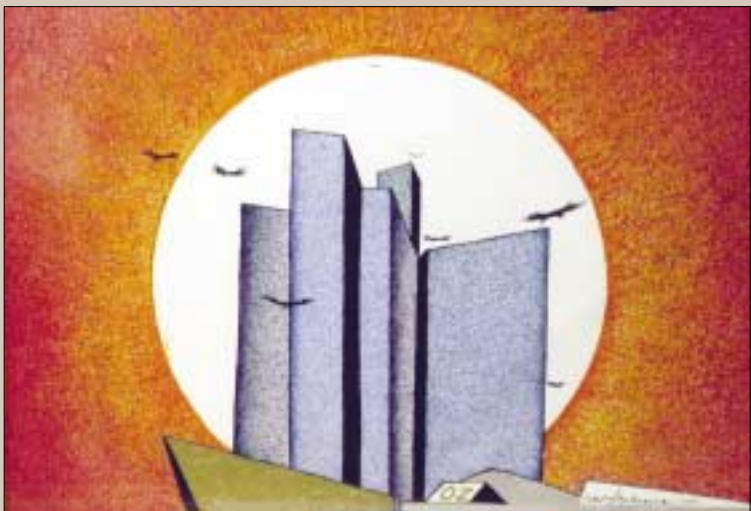
to be staunch, her blue eyes and conversation made you feel comfortable."

The Queen, dressed in a green suit and hat, sat in the cathedral while the Very Rev. Colin Slee, Dean of the Southwark Cathedral, conducted the service. In his sermon, Rev. Slee stressed the importance of this significant occasion.

After Rev. Slee's remarks, Chairman Bozsum knelt in front of the Queen, kissed her hand and presented her with a copy of the original 18th century land petition in which Mahomet described the capture of the Mohegan's land by English settlers. An English actor then read the petition in its entirety to the congregation.

The participants moved to the cathedral's south churchyard for the unveiling. After the Queen pulled the drapery away from the memorial, Chairman Bozsum and Long performed a men's thunder dance and sang as they circled the memorial. Then the Chairman presented the queen with gifts from

at University of Connecticut



Mohegan Council of Elders member William Andrews painted "Vultures Over Casino." The painting's name seems to have an ominous meaning, but turkey vultures really do circle the Mohegan Sun Hotel tower regularly, riding on updraft thermal air currents.

ved to California at a young age. e studied with several tribes in southern California and the south-west, immersing himself in their culture. Clearly his art has benefited.

While Andrews' work quietly cajoles, Kirwan's holds you in place until the point is understood. Kirwan's art is as outspoken as its creator. The viewer is stunned by

Andrews' work quietly cajoles, Kirwan's holds you in place until the point is understood. Kirwan's art is as outspoken as its creator. The viewer is stunned by vibrant color, while at the same time informed with shoulder-grasping statement.



Elizabeth II unveils memorial dedicated to Mohegan Sachem Mahomet



Standing behind the memorial dedicated to Sachem Mahomet at Southwark Cathedral in London are, from left: Shane Long "White Raven," Mohegan Cultural Outreach Specialist; sculptor Peter Randall Page; Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum "Two Dogs;" Very Rev. Colin Slee and Ambassador Mark F. Brown.

the Tribe – a Vision Pipe carved by Tribal member Garrett Kirwan, a deerskin pipe bag made by Sue Heberding and decorated by Council of Elders member William Andrews.

The memorial, designed by Peter Randall Page, is a five-ton piece of granite extracted from New England when the sculptor visited last year and selected it.

He sculpted the granite boulder to express the most important aspect of Mohegan life: the pervasive spiritual force that flows through all things. The concentric lines on the boulder are like trail motifs, meant to symbolize the path one travels through life.

After the ceremony, when the Queen started to make her way to her motorcade, Long enlisted



Gifts from the Mohegan Tribe for Queen Elizabeth included a Vision Pipe, crafted of stone by Tribal member Garrett F. Kirwan, and a deerskin pipe bag made by Sue Heberding, the Tribe's Arts and Crafts Coordinator, and painted by Council of Elders member William Andrews. Artwork by Kirwan and Andrews appears on the top of this page.

young children from the cathedral choir to join hands and perform a friendship dance. The Queen turned around and came back to watch the dance and was heard to say: "How wonderful."

Long said later, "I was honored to participate in the proper burial of Mahomet and meet Queen Elizabeth."

As the limousine carrying Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip started to pull away, Chairman Bozsum motioned them to stop. He presented the Duke of Edinburgh with a gift – a French gorget he had worn during the ceremony, an item the Prince had admired as part of the Chairman's regalia.

Geno Auriemma's Fast Break restaurant opens at Mohegan Sun

By Jonathan S. Hamilton

Over 200 people celebrated the grand opening of Geno Auriemma's Fast Break restaurant at Mohegan Sun on Sept. 9. The basketball-themed eatery and marketplace offers Italian, Mexican, Asian and American cuisine.

Many former University of Connecticut women's basketball players as well as former NBA star Charles Barkley joined Auriemma, legendary head coach of UConn, as he officially opened his eatery to the public.

Mohegan Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum "Two Dogs," Chief Ralph Sturges and Coach Auriemma cut the traditional red ribbon, opening the restaurant.

Also attending the opening were Tribal Council Vice Chairwoman Lynn Malerba, Corresponding Secretary Roberta Harris-Payne and Council of Elders members Marie Pineault and Maynard Strickland.

On the previous night, Coach Auriemma, Barkley, Joe Dumars, Sandro Gamba, Dave Gavitt and Dominique Wilkins gathered for induction ceremonies at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., to be immortalized as the newest class to the Hall of Fame.

Coach Auriemma has led the



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From right, Tribal Chairman Bruce Bozsum "Two Dogs" and Chief Ralph Sturges help famed UConn women's basketball coach Geno Auriemma and his business partner Paul Ghorzi cut the ribbon at the grand opening of Coach Auriemma's Fast Break Restaurant at Mohegan Sun.

Below, enjoying the grand opening party, are, from left: former UConn players Wilnett Crockett, Jessica Moore and Ann Strother with Associate Head Coach Chris Dailey.

UConn Huskies women's team to five national championships, eight Final Fours and two undefeated seasons. He has been named National Coach of the Year five times and captured 14 Big East regular season and 12 Big East tournament titles.

His food-court-style restaurant seats 300 patrons and offers self-service. Fast Break will feature regularly changing menu items with seasonal dishes and themed specials. The tag line on the menu is "I want good food ... fast."

The menu includes wood-burning-oven pizza and baked pasta, panini sandwiches, Mexican and Asian entrees and an extensive deli sandwich selection.



The 10,000-square-foot space is divided between a bar and a restaurant with separate entrances. The eatery employs approximately 70 people. In addition, a marketplace sells Coach Auriemma's name-brand Italian pasta sauces. ✂

Grand Opening of Coach Store



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Cutting the ribbon at the new Coach store at Mohegan Sun are Mohegan Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum "Two Dogs" and Coach District Manager Tony Galvin, left. Coach offers accessories, including handbags, leather goods, watches and outerwear.



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In the Spirit of Giving

Roberta Harris-Payne, left, Corresponding Secretary of the Mohegan Tribal Council, and Council of Elders member Marie Pineault organized the Tribal government's annual basket raffle to raise money to buy Christmas gifts for under-privileged children in Montville. Sixteen departments donated a creative assortment of baskets. The raffle, plus a matching gift from the Tribal Council, raised \$5,000.

Celebrating Mohegan Sun's 10th Anniversary

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members, including Tomlin, Ruth Buzzi, Jo Anne Worley, Gary Owens, Alan Sues, Chelsea Brown, Johnny Brown and frequent guest of the show Barbara Feldon ("Get Smart's" Agent 99). Cast members took the stage for 90 minutes presenting some of their favorite clips and sharing some of their most funny moments.

That evening, comedian Jerry Seinfeld entertained 2,000 dinner guests in the Mohegan Sun Convention Center with his stand-up

comedy. Some of the topics Seinfeld dealt with included answering machines, automatic flushing toilets, cell phones, TV weathermen, Raisin Bran cereal and cremation. Dressed in a dark suit and tie, Seinfeld entertained the large crowd with his unique humor for 75 minutes.

At the jam-packed Wolf Den, the alternative rock band Barenaked Ladies rocked the audience. This was their first stop on a U.S. tour in support of their newly released "Barenaked Ladies Are Me" CD. ✂

Project Horizon will feature House of Blues Music Hall

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that will follow,” Chairman Bozsum said.
Mohegan Tribal Vice Chairwoman Lynn Malerba asked former members of the Tribal Council to stand and be recognized for their service to the Tribe. In her remarks, she acknowledged the cooperative effort Mohegans have forged with local, state and national leaders.

“By working together with government officials in Montville, Norwich and throughout southeastern Connecticut, as well as government leaders with the state of Connecticut and in Washington, D.C., we have been able to reclaim our sacred lands and cultural artifacts and celebrate our history and traditions with our friends, neighbors and guests.”

The new hotel will nearly double the number of rooms currently available at Mohegan Sun. When built, it will be the tallest building in Connecticut.

In addition, the House of Blues will own and operate a 1,500-seat music hall, a 9,600-square-foot casual restaurant with 300 seats, a 3,000-square-foot special events room and an 800-square-foot retail shop. The expected date of opening for the music hall, restaurant and retail shop is in the spring of 2009.

The new hotel will feature 300 specially-themed House of Blues rooms. In addition, it will have a 7,500-square-foot, members-only House of Blues Foundation Room as well as a 20,000-square-foot Mandara Spa.



The hotel will open in two phases – the 700 Mohegan Sun rooms will open in the spring of 2010, and the 300 House of Blues rooms will open in the summer of 2010.

Project Horizon also will contain a 64,000-square-foot addition called the “Casino of the Wind,” set to open in the spring of 2008. It will feature 42,000 square feet of gaming with over 900 slot machines, 10 table games and a specially-themed House of Blues poker room with 45 tables.

Linking the new hotel tower to the existing hotel and to the Winter section of the Casino of the Earth will be a total of 115,000 square feet of new retail and restaurant space. The new restaurants will include a 11,500-square-foot Japanese restaurant with 200 seats; a 9,000-square-foot American contemporary restaurant with 175 seats; a 10,000-square-foot family-style Italian restaurant with 200 seats; and a 900-square-foot burger bar with 90 seats.

An additional 30,000-square-foot adult recreation lounge – possibly for bowling or billiards – will be built as well as a 6,000-square-foot Kids Quest Two.

There also will be 343 new slot machines installed in the current food court in the Winter section of the Casino of the Earth.

With Project Horizon, Mohegan Sun will dedicate gaming space for its Asian patrons. The new Asian gaming area, to be located in the Autumn section of the Casino of the Earth, will feature a 5,000-square-foot bus lobby, a 4,000-square-foot “Hong Kong” street-food outlet and a 12,000-square-foot gaming floor. The gaming floor will offer 46 table

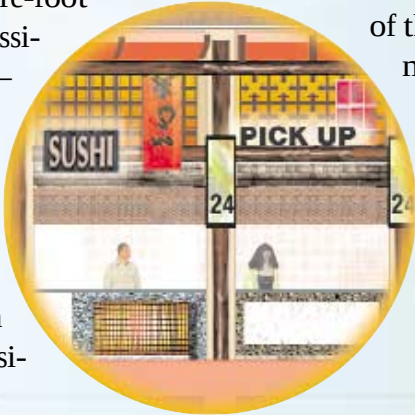
Chamber Salutes Tribe



Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum “Two Dogs” and Vice Chairwoman Lynn Malerba accept a plaque from Tony Sheridan, right, President of the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, on Nov. 16 immediately following the press conference announcing Mohegan Sun’s Project Horizon expansion. On the plaque, the Chamber congratulates the Tribe on its expansion and acknowledges the Tribe’s “commitment to the economic vitality of the state and, in particular, Eastern Connecticut.”

games such as Baccarat, Sic Bo and Pai Gow Poker. The area is scheduled to open in the summer of 2007.

After the press conference, members of the Tribal Council held a special meeting with Tribal members to give them details about the Project Horizon expansion.



A new retail corridor will link the hotels.



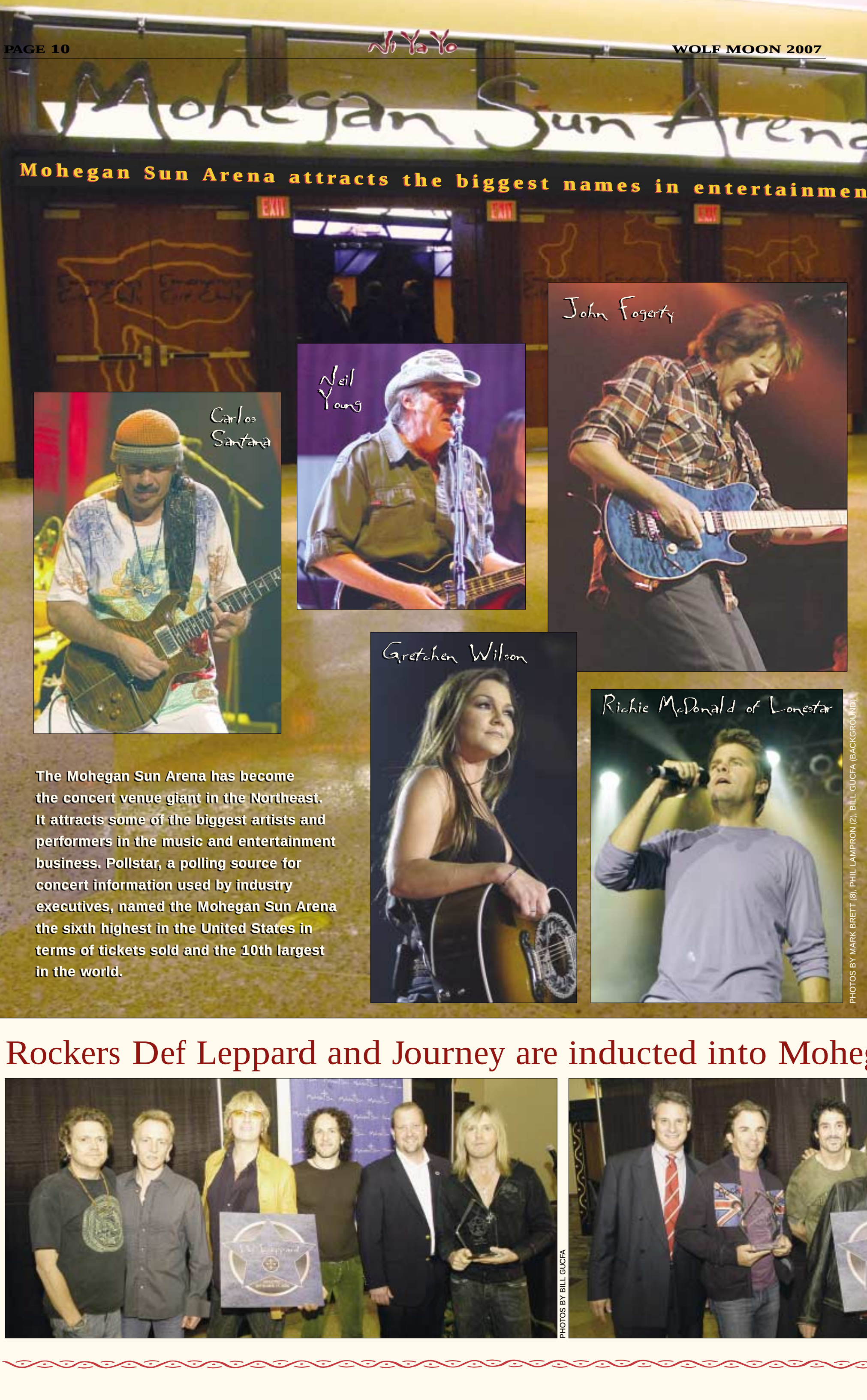
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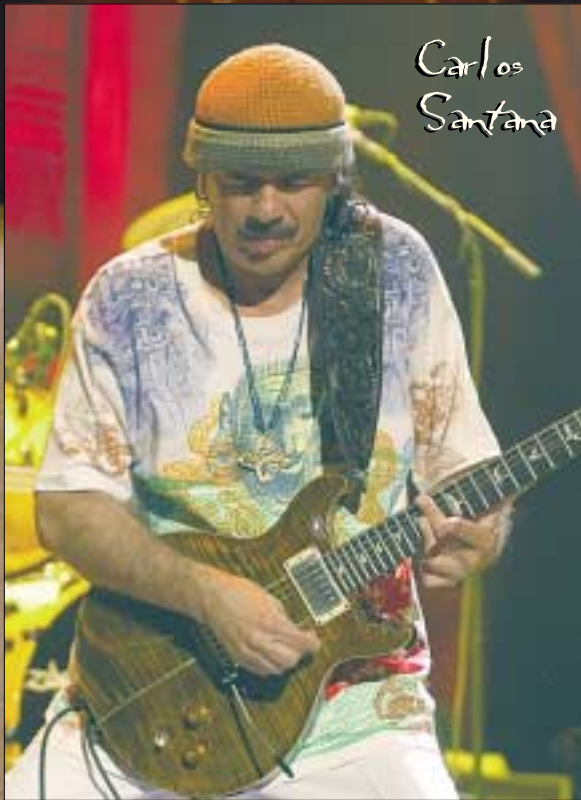
New hotel lobby

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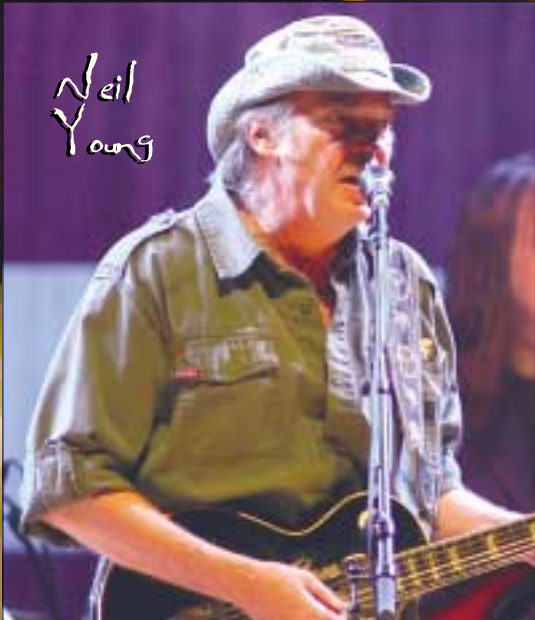
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The Mohegan Sun Arena has become the concert venue giant in the Northeast. It attracts some of the biggest artists and performers in the music and entertainment business. Pollstar, a polling source for concert information used by industry executives, named the Mohegan Sun Arena the sixth highest in the United States in terms of tickets sold and the 10th largest in the world.

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Rockers Def Leppard and Journey are inducted into Mohegan Sun Arena Hall of Fame



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Steven Tyler



Jon Bon Jovi



Daryl Hall



Richie Sambora



John Oates

Mohegan Sun's Walk of Fame



Legendary rock groups Def Leppard and Journey became the eighth and ninth performers inducted into the Mohegan Sun Walk of Fame prior to their recent concerts at the Mohegan Sun Arena.



At far left are: Def Leppard members Rick Allen, Phil Collen, Joe Elliott, Vivian Campbell, Tribal Councilor James Gessner Jr. and band member Rick Savage.

At left are: Mohegan Sun President Mitchell Etes and Journey members Jonathan Cain, Deen Castronovo, Ross Valory, Neil Schon and Steve Augeri.



Golfing for Charity



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Sportscaster Ahmad Rashad, left, and former major league baseball star Vince Coleman, right, accept the Celebrity Players Tournament first place check of \$30,000 from Mohegan Tribal Chairman Bruce S. Bozsum "Two Dogs." Mohegan Sun sponsored the tournament, held at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam, Conn. The event, now in its fifth year, raises money for local charities, including cystic fibrosis research. Rashad, the event host, and Coleman shot 11-under to win the two-man tourney by one stroke. In the photo on the left, Chairman Bozsum welcomes Academy Award nominated actor Bill Murray, who played in the Celebrity Pro-Am.

Golf tournament raises \$26,000 for liver research

Seventy-five golfers teed off at the second annual Connecticut American Liver Foundation Golf Classic held in memory of Tribal member Stacia Mabry who died of Wilson's Disease in 2004 at age 18.

The event raised \$26,000 for liver disease research and programs. Stacia's grandfather David Lathrop was chairman of the tournament, which was held at the Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam, Conn.

Susan Griffin, Stacia's mom, helped organize the tournament and sought sponsors for the event. Tribal sponsors included the Mohegan Tribe, Mohegan Sun Casino and the Mohegan Information Technology Group.

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